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SUBJ: HOST COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

A. THERE IS NO MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE LAW IN GUATEMALA.

B. NA

C. ALL OFFICIAL VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO A DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND ALL POV'S OF MISSION MEMBERS MUST CARRY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE. GUATEMALAN CONGRESS DECREE 86-73 PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 13, 1973 STATES FOREIGN MINISTRY MUST BE PROVIDED A VALID INSURANCE POLICY PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF PLATES TO ANY MEMBER OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION. ALSO, ALL PLATES MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY AND A VALID POLICY MUST ACCOMPANY THE RENEWAL REQUEST.

D. NA

E. LOCAL LAW STATES ALL PERSONNEL WITH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND CANNOT BE ARRESTED FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. FOR THAT REASON ALL PERSONNEL MUST HAVE INSURANCE WHICH ENABLES PLAINTIFFS TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST INSURANCE COMPANY.  
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F. NA

G. NA

H. INSURANCE CAN BE PURCHASED FROM ANY LOCAL REGISTERED COMPANY. GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT DOES

NOT ASSIST.

I. PREMIUM RATES FOR DIPLOMATS ARE IDENTICAL TO HOST COUNTRY CITIZENS.

J. THE INSURANCE CONTRACT USED BY ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GUATEMALAN SUPERINTENDENCY OF BANKS. ALL COMPANIES USE IDENTICAL FORMS. SAME FORM IS USED FOR DIPLOMATS AND HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS.

K. HOST COUNTRY DOES NOT REQUIRE IMMUNITY TO BE WAIVED.

L. NO

M. PREVAILING SYSTEM SEEMS TO BE WORKING VERY WELL. IN THE PAST YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN NO NOTORIOUS CASES CAUSED BY DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL OF ANY MISSION. INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN PROMPT AND FAIR WITH PAYMENTS.

N. SINCE ALL MISSION PERSONNEL MUST CARRY INSURANCE HOST GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE SYSTEM TO REIMBURSE INDIVIDUALS DAMAGED BY DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. BOSTER

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